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1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE SECRETARY'S REMARKS TO THE AMERICAN MISSION STAFF IN NEW DELHI OCTOBER 30.

2. AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN: "LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I KNOW THAT A VERY GREAT MANY OF YOU HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN MEETING THE MAN WHO CAME TO NEW DELHI WITH NANCY KISSINGER. IT IS MY GREAT PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE HIM: THE SECRETARY OF STATE."

3. SECRETARY KISSINGER: "PAT AND LIZ, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I DON'T KNOW WHETHER I AM OUT HERE TO GIVE A SPEECH OR TO BE BAPTIZED. I AM VERY GLAD TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO YOU. FIRST OF ALL, TO TELL YOU THAT MY VISIT HAS GONE SO SMOOTHLY, ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN SO EXCELLENT AND UNOBTRUSIVE THAT I KNOW SOMEBODY HAS BEEN WORKING VERY HARD AND SINCE THE AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN WITH ME ALL THE TIME, IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN HIM. NOW, GENERALLY WHEN I MEET WITH EMBASSY STAFFS, HAVE THE TENDENCY TO TELL THEM THE SORT OF REPORTING THAT WE APPRECIATE IN UNCLASSIFIED

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WASHINGTON; THAT I'M PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN. I ALWAYS POINT

OUT THAT REPORTS ABOUT A CONVERSATION WITH SOMEBODY I'VE NEVER HEARD OF DEPICTED IN EXCRUCIATING DETAIL DON'T DO ME MUCH GOOD UNLESS SOMEBODY EXPLAINS TO ME THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE EVENT. BUT AS EVERY NEWSPAPER READER KNOWS I HAVE NO TROUBLE GETTING EXPLANATION AS TO THE SIGNIFICANCE OF EVENTS FROM THE EMBASSY IN NEW DELHI. IN FACT, I HAVE TROUBLE NOT GETTING EXPLANATION ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF EVENTS FROM THE EMBASSY IN NEW DELHI. I WANTED TO TELL YOU THAT THE WORK THAT IS DONE HERE IS AMONG THE VERY BEST IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE, THAT THE REPORTS FROM NEW DELHI ARE INTERESTING, LIVELY AND VERY, VERY USEFUL TO THE SORT OF THINKING THAT I HAVE TO DO. AND SO, RATHER THAN GIVE YOU A LECTURE ABOUT WHAT YOU OUGHT TO DO, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT IF YOU KEEP UP THE STANDARDS THAT YOU HAVE MAINTAINED, YOU WILL BE DOING A GREAT SERVICE TO THE COUNTRY.

4. NOW I'VE BEEN HERE FOR THE LAST FEW DAYS TO SEE WHETHER I CAN CARRY FORWARD THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE HERE IN THE LAST FEW YEARS OF PUTTING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH INDIA ON A STABLE BASIS AND ON A FIRMER COURSE. INDIA AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE HAD A COMPLICATED HISTORY BASED ON A SORT OF LOVE-HATE RELATIONSHIP ON BOTH SIDES, ON EXCESSIVE EXPECTATIONS BY BOTH SIDES AND THE SETTING OF STANDARDS OF EACH FOR THE OTHER THAT ARE NOT APPLIED TO ANY OTHER NATION. BUT, ANYONE WHO HAS WORKED HERE AS YOU HAVE KNOWS THE DECISIVE IMPORTANCE OF INDIA FOR THE FUTURE OF SOUTH ASIA, AND ANYBODY WHO LOOKS AT THE WORLD FROM WASHINGTON HAS TO RECOGNIZE THAT ONE OF THE MOST POPULOUS NATIONS IN THE WORLD, THAT ONE OF THE GREAT DEMOCRACIES WITH ITS LONG HISTORY OF PROUD CULTURAL AND NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, THAT SUCH A NATION IS ESSENTIAL ALSO FOR THE PEACE OF THE WORLD. YOU HAVE SET THE STAGE HERE THROUGH THE RUPEE-AGREEMENT AND OTHER STEPS IN RECENT YEARS TO MAKE THIS VISIT POSSIBLE. I HAVE NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT WHAT ANY VISIT CAN ACCOMPLISH. IT IS EASIER TO MAKE SPEECHES AT BANQUETS THAN IT IS TO CARRY ON THE DAY-TO-DAY DETAILED, OFTEN DISCOURAGING WORK THAT HAS TO FOLLOW, IF WE ARE TO BRING OFF WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO. IT IS FOR THIS THAT WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU.

5. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK IN PARTICULAR ALSO THE INDIAN MEMBERS OF THE STAFF WHO HAVE WORKED HERE THROUGH ALL THESE YEARS AND ALL THE AMERICANS WHO ARE IN A DIFFICULT POST. PAT HAS TOLD

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ME ABOUT THE MANY MEMBERS OF THE STAFF WHO ARE HOSPITALIZED AT ANY ONE MOMENT; SO I KNOW IT IS A DIFFICULT POST PHYSICALLY AND I SUSPECT IT SOMETIMES IS A DIFFICULT POST EMOTIONALLY AS WELL. BUT, YOU COULDN'T BE IN A MORE IMPORTANT PLACE AND YOU COULDN'T BE WITH AN AMBASSADOR THAT I RESPECT MORE--IN FACT YOU COULDN'T BE WITH AN AMBASSADOR I RESPECT AS MUCH -- AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET YOU ALL AND TO WISH YOU WELL.

THANK YOU.
MOYNIHAN

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